

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 9 and 12 are amended. No new matter is added. Support for the claim amendments is found at, for example, Fig. 6B, page 23, lines 15-19 and page 34, line 24 - page 35, line 20 of the specification. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Nguyen and Supervisory Examiner Poon in the September 17, 2007 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 7-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,287,194 (Lobiondo) in view of well known art; claims 3-5 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lobiondo in view of well known art; and claims 2, 6 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lobiondo in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,594,653 (Akiyama et al.). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Lobiondo discloses that workstations 30 (alleged control device), printers 10 (alleged image forming device) and a printer server 60 (alleged communication control device) form a printshop schedule system. However, Lobiondo but does not disclose a scanner (alleged input device) as part of the system. The Office Action relies on "well known prior art" to cure this deficiency. In particular, the Office Action applies a well known scanner to augment the Lobiondo system.

However, Lobiondo combined with such a scanner would result in an image data being transferred from the scanner to the workstation, and from the workstation to the printer through the server in order to print. However, Lobiondo and the "well known prior art"

combination would still fail to teach that the control device transfers the image data to the image forming device via the communication control device, when requested, as recited in claims 1, 9 and 12.

Further, Lobiondo and the "well known prior art" would fail to teach that the image forming device includes a sensor for reading a code from the image, the image forming device comparing the image with image data, as recited in claims 1, 9 and 12.

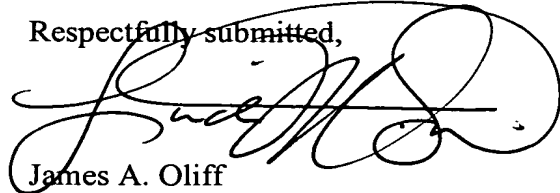
For at least these reasons, claims 1, 9 and 12 are patentable over Lobiondo, whether taken alone or in combination with the "well known prior art." Claims 2-8 depend on claim 1, claims 10 and 11 depend on claim 9, and claims 13-17 depend on claim 12. Thus, claims 2-8, 10, 11 and 13-17 are patentable over Lobiondo for at least the same reason as in claims 1, 9 and 12, as well as for the additional features they recite.

For the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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